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FOR SCICOUNS

1. DEPARTMENT REMAINS OF VIEW (REF C) THAT SOVIETS
SHOULD PROVIDE SPECIFIC RESPONSE RE DATES, GROUP
COMPOSITION, AND SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR INFORMATION AND
FORECASTING GROUP BEFORE WE CONFIRM DATES FOR SOVIET GAS
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AND OIL GROUPS TO VISIT US. US PROPOSES APRIL 14-16,OR

SAME DATES IN MAY, FOR INFO WG MEETING AT MOSCOW.

2. RE PARA 9 REF A, US MAINTAINS ITS REQUEST FOR COAL ITINERARY CHANGES (PARA 1 REF E). ENRICHMENT REFERENCES IN SOVIET PROPOSED ITINERARY ARE LIMITED TO DESCRIPTION OF TWO INSTITUTES AND US TEAM WISHES TO VISIT SITE OF ACTUAL UNDERGROUND COAL GASIFICATION AND LARGE SCALE SURFACE COAL TO GAS AND COAL TO LIQUID CONVERSION FACILITY.

3. RE PARA 2 REF A, US SIDE OF ENERGY JOINT COMMITTEE WILL BE ASKED TO CONSIDER SOVIET PROPOSAL THAT INVESTIGATION OF SIXTH SOVIET SUGGESTION ON PROTECTION OF

ENVIRONMENT AT OPEN-PIT AND UNDERGROUND MINES BE PURSUED UNDER ENVIRONMENT RATHER THAN ENERGY AGREEMENT. FYI DEC. 12 ENVIRONMENT JC MEMO REFERS TO INTEREST OF NORTHERN ECOSYSTEMS GROUP IN RECLAMATION AND REVEGETATION OF LAND DISTURBED BY MINING. END FYI.

4. RE PARA 3 REF A, WE STILL DO NOT KNOW WHAT SOVIETS HAVE IN MIND BY HYDROTECHNICAL CONSTRUCTION IN SEVERE CLIMATE WHICH NOT ALREADY COVERED BY EXISTING HYDRO POWER PROJECT UNDER ENERGY AGREEMENT AND/OR WATER RESOURCES ACTIVITY UNDER S&T AGREEMENT (SEE PARA 4 STATE 262765 NOV. 28, 1974).

5. WE HAVE CONSULTED WITH API AND CONCLUDED THAT US OIL INDUSTRY PREFERS TO CARRY OUT TECHNOLOGY EXCHANGE THROUGH ARRANGEMENTS WITH INDIVIDUAL US COMPANIES. ACCORDINGLY, FROM PRACTICAL POINT OF VIEW, TOPICS TO BE PURSUED BY TEMPORARY GROUP OF OIL EXPERTS UNDER USG AUSPICES WOULD HAVE TO BE LIMITED TO AREAS WHERE USG IS CONDUCTING RESEARCH: E.G. GEOCHEMICAL EXPLORATION FOR OIL AND GAS, MICROBIOLOGICAL METHODS OF PROSPECTING, AND FUNDAMENTAL PROPERTIES OF PETROLEUM. IN THE US RESEARCH ON WELL LING IS WHOLLY PRIVATE, ON GEOPHYSICAL INVESTIGATIONS BORE HOLES AND ON GEOPHYSICAL PROSPECTING IS MOSTLY PRIVATE, AND ON SECONDARY RECOVERY IS MORE PRIVATE THAN GOVERNMENT (THESE ARE THE TOPICS SUGGESTED BY SOVIETS UNCLASSIFIED

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AT JC MEETING AND REPEATED IN FEBRUARY PER PARA 2 MOSCOW 2347). PREVALENCE OF RESEARCH IN PRIVATE SECTOR WAS EMPHASIZED BY US AT OCTOBER JC MEETING (STATE A-9027 DEC. 6, 1974).

6. IF, ON BASIS OF AGENDA LIMITED TO GEOCHEMICAL EXPLORATION, MICROBIOLOGICAL PROSPECTING, AND PETROLEUM PROPERTIES, USSR WISHES TO PROCEED WITH EXCHANGE OF OIL

EXPERTS UNDER GOVERNMENTAL AUSPICES, WEEK OF JUNE 1
WOULD BE SATISFACTORY FOR SOVIET OIL GROUP VISIT TO US,
SUBJECT TO PARA 1 ABOVE ON INFORMATION AND FORECASTING
AND TO FURTHER US POSITION THAT RETURN VISIT TO USSR
MUST PRECEDE FORMULATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR JC
(PARA 1C REF D).

7. MAY 26 - JUNE 6 FOR SOVIET GAS GROUP VISIT TO US
FOLLOWED BY US GAS GROUP VISIT TO USSR IN JULY WOULD BE
SATISFACTORY, SUBJECT ONCE AGAIN TO PARA 1 ABOVE ON
INFORMATION AND FORECASTING AND TO FURTHER US POSITION
THAT US VISIT TO USSR MUST PRECEDE FORMULATION OF
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR JC. THEREFORE, JULY TIMING FOR GAS
EXPERTS WOULD MEAN POSTPONING JC TO SOME TIME AFTER
JULY.

8. US RESPONSE TO SOVIET SUGGESTIONS ON SITE VISITS
IN US FOR GAS GROUP AWAITS SOVIET REACTION TO US
SUGGESTIONS PARA 7 REF D. THERE WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE
TIME TO VISIT ALL SITES ON BOTH LISTS SO INDICATION OF
SOVIET PRIORITIES WOULD BE HELPFUL.

9. IN ORDER TO AVOID LAST MINUTE ITINERARY PROBLEMS
SUCH AS BEING EXPERIENCED WITH COAL, US WOULD APPRECIATE
TIMELY SOVIET RESPONSE TO US SUGGESTIONS FOR SITE VISITS
IN USSR FOR GAS GROUP (PARA 6 REF D).

10. REQUEST EMBASSY CONVEY TO SOVIETS SUBSTANCE OF
PARAS 1-5 AND, IF SATISFACTORY RESPONSE RECEIVED ON
INFORMATION AND FORECASTING, SUBSTANCE OF PARAS 6-9. INGERSOLL

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